

2014 Orlean St

May 6, 1945

Detroit, Mich

Mr. Abe Manley:
Newark Eagles
Newark New Jersey
Dear Sir:

I understand that you are in need of pitchers and outfielders. we would like very much to become a part of your team, if you can arrange for tryouts, to determine whether or not we can hold a job on your team.

We formerly played under Bill Lute, a former negro major leaguer with St. Louis and practically, every major league team in

the negro circle.

we played the 43 and 44 season under Bill Tate, who at that time and still is pilot of the mobile bears, New entry in the Southern league. Besides a number of other semipro teams, along with a college team handled by Mr. Lockheart a former pitcher with the Baccaraack Giants, and is now head coach at state Teachers College, Montgomery, Ala.

we are now conditioning with the Detroit Stars.

J. H. Finley Pitcher (12-4) last year record, age 20, 4.F. draft status

M. F. West Pitcher (6-2) outfielder also, former trackman. exceptionally fast, has been timed 9:8 in 100 yd.

dash, age 23, U.S. draft status.
For reference write Bill Tate,
c/o Mobile Black Bears, 263 Blountwood
Street, Mobile, Alabama.

Respectfully Yours
Melvin J. West
James H. Finley